

Ensete ventricosum

COMMON NAME

Ethiopian banana, Abyssian Banana, ornamental banana

FAMILY

Musaceae

AUTHORITY

Ensete ventricosum (Welw.) Cheesman

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived monocarpic tree. Reproduces primarily by seed and can sucker a short distance. Seed is a large, black, hard nut which may take several years to germinate. Dispersal is by gravity and possibly birds.

YEAR NATURALISED

1996

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold sensitive

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ensete-ventricosum/>



Adult trees. Auckland. May 2007.

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